sudden surge in imports causing injury to the domestic industry, sufficient provisions are available in the form of anti-dumping/safeguard measures to protect the domestic industry.

Special Economic Zone to be set-up in Tamil Nadu and Gujarat

† 3077. DR. D. MASTHAN :

SHRI KAPIL SIBAL :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have so far selected Tamil Nadu and Gujarat to set up a Special Economic Zone in first phase;

(b) if so, the reasons for selecting only these States in the first phase; and

(c) what is the total number of Special Economic Zones decided to be set up in the country alongwith the number of phases and time limit to complete them?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) to (c) Government have approved setting up of EPZ/SEZ in the joint sector at Nanguneri in Tamil Nadu and Positra in Gujarat on the basis of proposal received from Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation Limited and Gujarat Positra Port Infrastructure Limited, respectively. There is no proposal to set up any new SEZ by the Central Government. However, SEZs may be set up in the public, private, joint sector or by the State Governments. Some of the existing Export Processing Zones are also proposed to be converted into SEZs.

Relaxation of Import Licencing Restriction

3078. SHRI AMAR SINGH :
SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that it has opened flood gate by

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